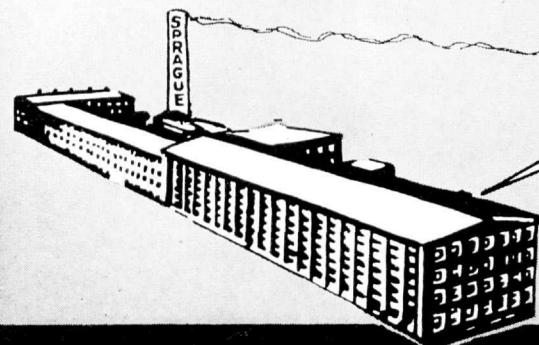


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## 63 Graduates Of Electronic School Feted At Luncheon

On December 14, at 12:30, 63 employees who passed the Company's fall series of courses in "Elements of Electricity" and "Theory of Capacitors" were awarded diplomas and honored at a steak dinner at the Marshall Street cafeteria.

Julian K. Sprague, President, delivered official congratulations to the instructors of the courses and the latter presented diplomas to their respective pupils of the 12-week courses. The instructors were Robert Sheehan, Walter Lamphier, Mike Geroulo and Thomas Richardson, all of Research & Engineering. Mr. Sprague expressed thanks to them for giving of their time to teach the voluntary classes.

Mr. Sprague mentioned a possible new course to follow the advanced course in "Theory of Capacitors". A new winter series of courses is scheduled to start as soon as the new classrooms are completed.

Guests at the luncheon were Messrs. E. L. Ward, W. J. Nolan, R. C. Sprague, Jr., C. W. Flanders, and J. D. Washburn.

Those who received diplomas in "Theory of Capacitors" were James W. Baker, Benjamin Banulis, Arthur F. Barry, Charles H. Belouin, Raymond Collier, Jr., Arthur J. Eccher, David T. Geiser, Robert W. Hamilton, Adolph J. Heideman, Ernest R. Jones, Peter Mancuso, Laddie Meranti, Joseph R. Mucha, Eleanor Patterson, Frank Patterson, Felix A. Puccio, William Rossell, Arthur E. Spencer, Harold C. Tourjee and Clarence W. Wildman.

Recipients of "Elements of Electricity" diplomas were Richard Armstrong, Everett W. Barton, Frederic R. Bennett, Paul J. Belanger, Albert S. Blondin, Norman Bourassa, John G. Brent, Bruce R. Carlson, Francis N. Carmichael, Raymond Collier, John P. Crase, Ernest Del Debbio, Jr., William Gaffey, Roger W. Girouard, Edward A. Godek, Alfred J. Golonka, Charles E. Gray, Martin J. Hamilton, John F. Hartigan, Robert J. Heideman, Charles Heinrich, Alice E. Herrmann, Sterling R. Hewitt, Robert R. Howard, Jr., Richard Konopka, Lou Larsen, William E. Lesure, Anne Mazza, Donald J. Meiklejohn, Donald Millberry, John G. Newkom, Douglas H. Norton, Albert R. O'Connor, James Oldham, William Pasotti, Stuart I. Pead, Alex W. Petro, Norman Remillard, Wilfred A. Rouillard, Kenneth W. Russell, John R. Shea, Milan Scalise, and Charles Wacker.

If you want to give yourself the best possible break on your federal income tax, *file early, prepare your return carefully, and save your records* —

### Quarter-Century Employees Receive Watches



Receiving gold watches recently from President Julian K. Sprague in commemoration of their 25 years of service to the Company are, left to right, Ernest Purpura, head of the Production Drafting Department, Lewis Cronin, Superintendent of Industrial Oils, and Henry Anderson, Machine Shop. All three employees began their service with Sprague Electric prior to its moving to North Adams.

### Company's Management Again Rated As "Excellent" by National Survey

The Sprague Electric Company, for the second consecutive year, has been certified as "excellently managed" by the American Institute of Management.

According to Jackson Martindell, president of the non-profit foundation, the Company was rated in the top half of the 348 companies in the United States and Canada which were found eligible for the designation for 1953, out of 3,000 leading concerns whose methods were evaluated.

"Recognition of superior management in particular companies is the first step in improving corporate

practices generally throughout the country," Mr. Martindell said. "The philosophy behind these awards is to focus attention upon those companies whose practices should be emulated by others, to increase efficiency and insure stability for employees, shareholders and the economy as a whole."

When auditing a management, he explained, the institute uses a point system for rating 10 key factors — economic function, corporation growth, fairness to stockholders, directorate analysis, research and development, fiscal policies, production efficiency, sales vigor and executive valuation.

### Does March 15th Mean Headaches To You? Accountants Institute Offers Suggestions To Make It More Pleasant

When it comes to making out tax returns most of us operate on the time-honored principle: "Never do today what can be put off until tomorrow." Then we look at the calendar one day and discover that "tomorrow" is March 15, the "Day of Reckoning" for the average taxpayer.

This not only runs up the electric light bill for that all-night figuring session on March 14, but, says the American Institute of Accountants, it also may enrich the Federal Treasury at the taxpayer's expense. The reason? Haste makes waste — waste of possible tax savings.

If you want to give yourself the best possible break on your federal income tax, *file early, prepare your return carefully, and save your records* —

receipts, cancelled checks, etc. — to back up your deductions. And, if you find Uncle Sam owes you money, early filing means a quicker refund.

Here's a brief review of how the income tax affects some typical employees. Do you recognize yourself in any of these situations?

#### The Long and the Short of It

Lazy Louis takes the easy way out. He signs his name to the simplified Form 1040A and lets the government figure out his tax for him. He saves three hours and loses \$30 that he could have cut from his tax by taking all his deductions. Thrifty Theresa lists all her deductions on *Long Form 1040* and gets a refund check that comes in mighty handy after Christmas shopping.

### Arthur Giroux, Foreman, Dies

Arthur John Giroux, 55, popular foreman of the Maintenance Department at the Beaver Street plant for 20 years, died at his home at 21 Miller Street, Adams, January 3, after an extended illness.

Mr. Giroux joined the Sprague Electric Company on April 3, 1934.

He was a native and life long resident of Adams. Mr. Giroux attended the Adams schools, and was graduated from Adams High School.

He was a member of the Notre Dame Church, the Cartier Club, and the Sprague Electric Management Club.

Mr. Giroux is survived by his wife and daughter, Mrs. Ippol Bongiotti.

Pall bearers at his funeral were Charles Dean, department head of Maintenance Cost Control at Marshall Street; Casmer Ziendlak, foreman of Metal Clad at Beaver Street; Theodore Dziok, foreman of the Can Shop and Plating at Beaver Street; Adams Assessor Henry P. LeGrand, Alfred Beauchemin and Armand St. Hilaire. Burial was in Bellevue cemetery.

### Tax Changes In Effect

In accordance with law, your paycheck last week reflected two major changes:

Starting January 1, income taxes were reduced — most of them by an average of 10 per cent.

Social Security taxes, however, went up from  $1\frac{1}{2}$  percent of your wages (up to \$3,600) to 2 per cent.

These new rates are slated to remain in effect through the year.

Clever Carl knows that the tax table (which allows about 10% for charity, interest, taxes, medical expenses, etc.) gives him a lower tax than he would get by figuring his actual deductions, so he uses the *Short Form 1040*.

#### Matrimonial Bliss

Newlywed Nat was so excited he forgot to claim his additional withholdings when he files his return. Also he and his wife will each get a \$600 personal exemption. They are filing a joint return — the best procedure for most couples.

Split-second Sally presented her husband with twins just before the stroke of midnight on December 31.

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### John O'Leary And W. A. Pierce Named General Foremen

Revisions in the Brown Street plant organization, including the promotions of John O'Leary and William Pierce and changes in areas of responsibility for Superintendents John O'Connell and Frans Fonteyn, have been announced by Factory Manager Frederick H. Potter.

In addition, Adolph Zabek's responsibility as Foreman has been increased, Mr. Potter announced.

Mr. O'Connell, who has been at the Brown Street plant as a Superintendent for many years, will become Superintendent of seven departments at the Marshall Street plant.

Mr. Fonteyn, in addition to his present duties, will assume responsibility for Molded Tubular activities at Brown Street. He will also coordinate processes of a similar nature at the Rock of Ages Corporation Capacitor Division in Barre, Vermont, an affiliate operation of Sprague Electric Company.

Mr. O'Leary is promoted to General Foreman rank and will have responsibility for Paper and Prokar Rolling, Prokar Test, Prokar Solder, Molded Tubular Section Solder, Molding Department and Molded Tubular Final Solder. He will report to Mr. Fonteyn.

Mr. Pierce becomes a General Foreman also, and will be with the Wire Coating operations at the North Adams and Bennington, Vermont, plants. He also will report to Mr. Fonteyn.

Mr. O'Connell becomes Superintendent of these Marshall Street operations: Automatic Rolling, Prokar and PC Impregnation, PPA and PC Assembly, Flat Midget Assembly, Flat Midget Assembly PHA, Network and Filter Sample Development, Filter Production, and the Metalized Paper Department.

Mr. Fonteyn's area of responsibility now includes: Pulse Transformers, Paper and Prokar Rolling, Prokar Test, Prokar Solder, Molded Tubular Section Solder, Molding Department, Molded Tubular Final Solder, Wire Coating, Bennington, and Wire Coating, North Adams.

Mr. Zabek, under the new changes, becomes Foreman of Paper and Prokar Rolling, Prokar Test, Prokar Solder, Molded Tubular Section Solder and Molded Tubular Final Solder.

(Turn to page three for pictures of personnel involved in these changes.)

### Mail Call Helps

How far is "away from home?"

To your sons and friends in the armed forces it may be half way around the world or the long, long weeks to the next three-day pass. But letters from home keep our servicemen within "talking distance" — and snapshots with your letters almost put you within arms' length.

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## EDITORIAL

A  
GOOD THOUGHT  
for the  
NEW YEAR

What is a Customer?  
A customer is the "life blood"  
of this plant.  
We are dependent on him  
He is the purpose of our work  
He is part of it.  
Nobody ever won  
an argument with him.  
He brings us his wants. It is  
our job to handle them  
profitably to him and to  
ourselves.

## Medical Staff Enjoys Christmas Gathering

The nurses and members of the Medical Department were invited to a Christmas party at the home of Ellen Armstrong, R.N. on Tuesday, December 22.

Everyone enjoyed the surprise fortunes found in the hors-d'oeuvres following which, gifts were exchanged under a beautifully decorated Christmas tree. Later in the evening a delicious home cooked luncheon was served in the dining room, illuminated by holiday tapers, and other decorations in keeping with the season. Thanks to Ellen, that we could all get together at this time. Those present were Ethel Lowe, Agnes Costello, Elsie Manson, Sally Hawks, Edith Matranga, Etta Owen, Gertrude Bobowiec, and Margaret Accetta.

The Red Cross was organized in 1864 by Henry Dunant of Switzerland.

The American Red Cross was founded by Clara Barton in 1881.

If you are an average human being, you eat about a ton of food a year.

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Women outnumber males in seventy-two of the ninety-two cities of more than 100,000 population.



Theresa Coutu and John Dube  
Mary Morrissey and James Gangini  
Elizabeth Mahoney and Arco Recchia

Mary Bowman and James Hart



December 20—Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Bressett, Son.

December 21—Mr. & Mrs. Wilfred LaBonte, Son.

December 21—Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Hiser, Daughter.

December 22—Mr. & Mrs. Fuad Nassif, Daughter.

December 25—Mr. & Mrs. Robert Sinderman, Son.

December 26—Mr. & Mrs. Donald Rogers, Son.

December 26—Mr. & Mrs. John Mattimore, Daughter.

December 27—Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Bishop, Son.

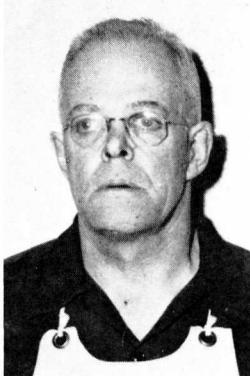
December 29—Mr. & Mrs. Richard O'Neil, Daughter.

December 31—Mr. & Mrs. Edward Zoltek, Son.

December 31—Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Bernier, Son.

January 2—Mr. & Mrs. Frederick H. Whitham, Son.

## Their Good Suggestions Paid Off



Hugh MacDonald, Machine Shop, received a Suggestion System award of \$30 for a new type cutter the automatic rolling machines.



Edmond Rivers of the Filter Department won an award of \$20 for a new jig made of Bakelite handles with a spring steel clamp to hold cans while solder is being applied.



An award of \$50 was given to William Schink of the Machine Shop for a new type machine to glaze porcelain rolls in the Formation Department.

Gertrude Noel was the recipient of a \$35 award for suggesting an adjustable supporting arm mounted on the rear side of a spin sealing machine, which would increase production slightly, decrease rejects, and improve the quality of seals.

## HELP NOW!





William Pierce has been promoted to General Foreman in recently-announced revisions in the organization at the Brown Street plant. Mr. Pierce will be associated with Wire Coating operations at Brown Street and in the Bennington, Vermont, branch.

John O'Leary, recently promoted to General Foreman at the Brown Street plant, will have cognizance over several departments there in the Molded Tubular and Prokar capacitor lines.



Frans Fonteyn, Superintendent, who will have responsibility for Molded Tubular activities at the Brown Street plant, in addition to responsibility for Wire Coating operations. He will also have duties of coordination with the Rock of Ages Corporation's capacitor division.



John O'Connell, Superintendent, takes over responsibility for a number of operations at the Marshall Street plant. Under the revisions announced by Frederick H. Potter, Factory Manager, Mr. O'Connell becomes Superintendent of Automatic Rolling, Filters, Flat Midgets, and others.



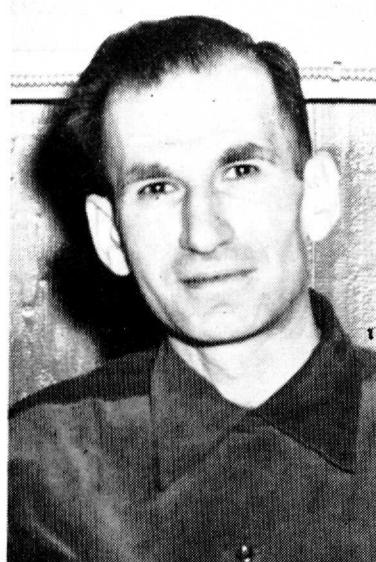
Adolph Zabek takes over additional responsibilities as a Foreman at the Brown Street plant under the new changes. In addition to his present duties, he assumes responsibility for Molded Tubular Section Solder and Molded Tubular Final Solder.

## Know Your FOREMAN . . .

Attention all LOG readers — we would like to introduce to you, Mr. Najib Davis, or Pat Davis as he is known, the foreman of Retail Sales.

It may be noted that in the "Farmer's Almanac for 1954", May 11, the day on which Pat was born, falls under the sign of Taurus, and that people born under this sign are fearless, kind, gentle, strong of mind and body, and emotional. Well — we don't know if Pat fits each and every one of these descriptions, but we do know he is a friendly and congenial fellow.

Pat was born in New York Mills, New York, a small suburb of Utica, in 1915. When he was two years old, his family moved to North Adams and



Pat Davis

has lived here since. He attended Houghton School and Drury High School here.

Pat has been with Sprague Electric for 15 years — 13 of which have been seniority years. When he first began working here, Pat was employed in Maintenance. He has since worked in Shipping for a number of years, 13 to be exact, and in Dry Assembly and the Stockroom on Beaver Street.

Pat became Foreman of Retail Sales when he was moved there on June 15, 1953. Before becoming a foreman, he was a supervisor for a number of years.

Pat is a member of the Sprague Electric Management Club and the Northern Berkshire Traffic Organization. For those who do not know what this club is, it is a group of people

## Accountants Institute Offers Tips To Make Tax Chore A Little Easier

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Her timing was excellent, because the New Year's Eve babies each provided a \$600 exemption for the couple on their 1953 tax. If the twins had been born just *after* midnight the exemption would not have applied until the 1954 tax.

### Changing Houses in Mid-Year

Prosperous Pete sold his bungalow on North Tenth Street and bought what the agent called "a comfortable home for gracious living." He closed the deal on his new place before the sale of the bungalow was completed. Just one thing bothered him. Although he had made no improvements since buying it in 1940, he got twice as much for the bungalow as he had originally paid. He wondered whether he would have to pay tax on his "profit." Pete learned that no tax is due under the present law since he purchased and occupied a new residence within one year before (or after) the sale of his former residence. If the new house had cost less than he received for the old one, he would have had to pay tax on the difference as a "capital gain."

Home-owner Horace doesn't miss a bet when it comes to taking tax deductions. Of course he knows that he can't deduct depreciation, repairs, improvements, or payments on the principal of his mortgage. He has plenty of deductions this year, nevertheless, with items for interest on the mortgage, local real estate tax, interest on a home-improvement loan, and \$50 damage from a windstorm (not covered by his insurance).

### Change of Job

Newcomer Nelson worked for another company part of the year. As a result he has an extra credit against his income tax. Each employer was required to deduct 1½% of the first \$3,600 of each employee's wages (amounting to \$54 for the year) for social security tax. Because he had two employers, more than \$54 had

connected with transportation, trucking, shipping and the like. He enjoys fishing and baseball and remarks these two are the only two hobbies for which he has time.

Mr. Davis is married to the former Dorothy Booth. They have two children, Frank, who is 14, and Robert, 7. The Davis family resides at 89 Gallup Street, North Adams.

been deducted from his pay. On his income tax return he will list "F.I.C.A. tax" (Federal Insurance Contributions Act) and claim credit for the excess over \$54 in the "income tax withheld" column.

### Help When You Need It

Most taxpayers can fill in their tax blanks with a minimum of help. A sensible first step is to read the tax instructions sent to you with your tax forms by the Internal Revenue Service. In most cases the answers to your questions can be found there.

The next step, if you are still uncertain, is to consult your nearest Internal Revenue office — but do it soon if you want to avoid the last-minute rush. Of course, you may have more complicated problems which will require the help of an accountant. The Internal Revenue Service and the national CPA organization have repeatedly warned taxpayers to be sure their advisers are *fully qualified*. By putting your trust in a self-proclaimed "tax expert" you might find yourself in trouble.

### Paying Your Tax

If you find that the government owes you money, write the word "REFUND" on the envelope in which you mail your return. This will help you to get your refund sooner. On the other hand, if you owe additional tax on your Form 1040, you must enclose payment with your return.

### Anniversaries...

November 28—Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Roy—22nd.

December 5—Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Sacco—25th.

December 27—Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Brooks—44th.

January 1—Mr. and Mrs. William Andrews—16th.

January 27—Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Blanchard—3rd.

## STRICTLY MASCULINE

by

Contradamus

Once this seemingly grave problem is solved, we increase the dramatic action "assai appassionato".

Enter the trousers.

In this day and age of mass production, everyone is inclined to look like everyone else. This is a tragic thought but it must be faced with rare courage and determination. At least once — be different!

To enhance your scintillating personality, choose red striped plus fours. This is a tour de force calculated to knock the orbs from your Intended. Added to this, see that the hosiery and shoes are most nearly matched. If underprivileged (not having plus fours), substitute something nearly as eye-filling — like a zouave outfit. The effect will long be remembered.

And finally, the coat or sport jacket. This is the grand moment. In a trice you slip on a lavender alpaca coat suitably emblazoned with seigneurial arms, Drury High cheers — and "Don't Be Vague" slogans. You are now resplendent from head to toe — and ready for your Date.

*Going MY Way!*

Evelyn Heideman	Lee Mendel
Marke Bonvouloir	Bernard Garceau
Marilyn Burdick	Robert Clark
Susan Bishop	Edward Caucro
Ruth Buzzell	James Rowe
Carolyn Cicchetti	Robert Moulton
Virginia Suprenant	Pvt. Ernest Haas
Virginia Caron	John Galles
Rose Bua	Benjamin Davis
Marie Landry	Alfred Berthold
Marie Graunde	Alfred Roy
Jeanette Wanat	Frank Lagowski, Jr.
Diane St. Pierre	Francis King
Rita Girard	John Cardinal
Joan West	Ray Lillie

# DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

## MARSHALL STREET "Memos"

### Advertising Ad Libs

by Versus

A wonderful Christmas was had by all members of the Advertising Department, judging by the haggard faces seen around the office... It all started with the office party. Our appreciation goes to Francis Cancro for the spaghetti dinner he contributed. Delicious!!!

Speaking of parties, Frances Sifton spent a very enjoyable weekend at a Christmas party in Cohoes, New York, so we hear... Janice Fowler and Helen Goodermote say they didn't do much over the weekend, but how can you do nothing and look that tired?... Santa was especially good to Joan Charbonneau and to Yours Truly. For Joanie he left a cedar chest and Bill was able to come home. Yours Truly was presented with a beautiful sparkler from "The Trooper", who wangled a 15-day leave from Ft. Benning, Georgia. Charley Wacker took a trip to Ossining, New York, recently. Not to the prison, he was careful to point out... We all saw the New Year in at a party at Helen Goodermote's home, and a swell time was had by all.

Our sympathy goes to Mr. Sidney L. Chertok on the death of his mother.

### Material Control Office

by Flo Clough

The holiday season is over and everyone looks as if he survived and is looking forward with anticipation to the coming New Year. Happy New Year to all from this reporter... Our hunter, Larry Moreau, failed to bring down a deer this past season, but like all the hunters, he has great hopes for next year.

### Tantalum Department

by Mary Odell

On December 21 our annual Christmas party was held at Petey Dinks. A good time was enjoyed by all, and what unusual grab-bag gifts we received!... From the comments heard December 28, all the girls in our department had a wonderful Christmas... We wish to roll out the welcome carpet for Dominic Papas who has recently joined us. "Dom" is from Check Inspection. We wish to say "Au revoir" to Dolly Smith who is on a leave of absence. We miss you, Dolly... I would like to wish each and everyone a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Sympathy is extended to Louis Florioni on the recent death of his sister.

### Office Service

by The Two "B's"

Pfc. Al Horsfall is spending a thirty day furlough with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Albert Horsfall of 226 Eagle Street. Before Al's induction into the service, he was employed in the Photo Lab... Good luck to Genevieve Melito, who has been transferred to Production Engineering. Gen was presented a decorated cake and a purse... We wonder if Betty Beckwith's Christmas gift of a hope chest will mean a marriage in the near future?... A Christmas party was held on December 16 at the Greylcock Community Club by the Office Service department and their guests. Dancing and singing was enjoyed and a buffet lunch was

served... Jennie Hirst, formerly of this department, and now living and working in Kingston, N. Y. visited friends and relatives in this city New Year's week-end. She asked to be remembered to all her friends. Betty Beckwith was a lovely bridesmaid at her sister Phyllis' wedding to Airman 3rd Class Robert Roy on Saturday, December 26. Betty wore a Forest Green net over satin gown and a flowered tiara. She carried a colonial bouquet of yellow pom-poms.

### Building No. 1—Floor 2

by Sue

Molly Avery spent the Christmas holiday in Quincy, Mass., and had a very nice time... We have all missed Helen Lamoureux, who is on leave of absence... Mr. and Mrs. John Hartigan spent Christmas week-end in New York City. Bruce Carlson's son, Larry, celebrated his sixth birthday with a nice birthday party—good time had by all... Arlene Jeffers spent the Christmas weekend in Presque Isle, Maine. She tells us there was a lot of snow there.

### Production Engineering

by Lena Hurlbut and Bill Martin

We all appreciated the efforts of George LaBombard toward our Christmas Party... We are wondering why Dick Demo went from singing "Vaya Con Dios" to "Richochet"? Who is she, Dick? "Oh, My Papa" will probably be next!... Gen Melito, who recently was transferred to our department, spent her vacation at home... Ann Lefebvre spent her vacation at home also... We are happy that Mary Green is back with us again... Marlene Shea has left.

### Employe and Community Relations Department

by Joan West

Happy New Year! The Christmas party in our department was a whooping success. It was held at the Taconic Restaurant at Taconic Park and the dinner was delicious. We wish to thank those responsible for the great time we had... We have a new figure in the office, and it's that of Joan Brosseau. Another girl from Adams. We hope that you will enjoy working with us, and we're sure you are welcome... Joan West and Toby Tobin enjoyed the "Ice Capades of '54" immensely when they went to Springfield recently. Fred Whitham is finally the proud father of a son. Little Steve was born January 2, at 10:00 A.M., weighing 8 pounds, at the North Adams Hospital. Just the facts, ma'm, just the facts!... Pamela Christopher and Pat Marsh attended the New Year's Eve ball which was held at the Stanley Club in Pittsfield... Joan Brosseau also attended a formal at the Turn Hall in Adams on the Big night... Susie Slater lived it up at the Elk's New Year party; it was great, says Sue... Toby Tobin spent the New Year's weekend at Mary Pat Riley's in Bennington. She now refers to it as "The Lost Weekend"... Bob Potter and family spent Christmas weekend in New York, and Pam Christopher did likewise in New Jersey... My, this department really travels!... The LOG section is no longer located in the main office, it is now across the way, in a much nicer office with plenty of elbow room... Have you made your New Year's resolutions yet? ? ? ?

Turn Hall in Adams on the Big night... Susie Slater lived it up at the Elk's New Year party; it was great, says Sue... Toby Tobin spent the New Year's weekend at Mary Pat Riley's in Bennington. She now refers to it as "The Lost Weekend"... Bob Potter and family spent Christmas weekend in New York, and Pam Christopher did likewise in New Jersey... My, this department really travels!... The LOG section is no longer located in the main office, it is now across the way, in a much nicer office with plenty of elbow room... Have you made your New Year's resolutions yet? ? ? ?

"Did you ever hear of Paul Revere?" asked the Bostonian weekly. "Paul Revere," sneered the Texan, "isn't he the fellow who ran for help?"

### Dry Tubular Assembly

by Peg Champagny and Gladys Sullivan

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Boucher and son Bruce, recently spent a vacation in sunny Florida. Margaret Davis spent the holidays with her daughter in Decatur, Illinois. Toni Connell returned from a holiday trip to Waterbury, Connecticut. Florence Lecuyer spent the Christmas holidays in New York City visiting her sister Irene Charron is enjoying her vacation at home... With her eyes all aglow, Rita Girard came back to work after Christmas flashing a beautiful diamond ring. It won't be long now, Rita. A very enjoyable Christmas party was held by Departments 568 and 569 at the American Legion Home in Adams. A visit from Santa Claus distributing gifts to everyone highlighted the program. Group singing and dancing was enjoyed. Claire Andrews, who was in charge of the affair, was presented a beautiful corsage from 568.

Sympathy is extended to Mary Ann Shand on the death of her mother, Mrs. James Oliveri.

### Test Equipment Engineering

by Mary Cantoni

Welcome back to Ed Lamphier, who has just returned from six weeks sick leave. Glad to see you back, Ed... Our first vacationer of 1954 in the department is Mary Mazza. The reason for such an early vacation is her son Russell Mazza, Jr., is home on a ten day furlough and Mary plans on making all his favorite recipes... Our Johnny Aldrich is really stepping up to the big time. He just bought himself precision skates. He is going to become a great skating star someday. Good luck, Johnny... Roland Yee is not the only one interested in TV these days. So is everyone else. Everyone seems to be greeting each other in this manner: instead of "Good Morning", its "How is your picture coming in?"... Roland was transferred from the Lab recently. We hope you like us as well as we like you.

### How We Do It

Then there's the story about the two sidewalk superintendents" who stood watching a big bulldozer at work. With each bite, it lifted great chunks of earth.

"If it weren't for that scoop," one complained, "a hundred men might be working with shovels."

"Yes," agreed the other, "or ten thousand - with spoons!"

Terse, but true. We Americans never believe in doing anything by hand that we can get machines to help us do—thus extending our own strength and energy 20-fold, and contributing immensely to our progress, through productivity.

### Humor:

A Boston salesman visited Texas and heard one particular Texan boast about heroes of the Alamo, who, almost alone, held off whole armies. "I'll bet," challenged the Texan, "you never had anybody around Boston as brave as that."

"Did you ever hear of Paul Revere?" asked the Bostonian weekly.

"Paul Revere," sneered the Texan, "isn't he the fellow who ran for help?"

## Know Your Reporters..



Lea Walden and Irene Dubreuil

Our two-some who report from the Purchasing Department with the by-line of "Irene in Lee", we would like to introduce to you.

Mrs. Irene Dubreuil has been with the LOG staff for two years. In March of 1950 she came to Sprague Electric, and became secretary to Mr. Robert A. Fairbanks. Prior to this, Irene was employed at the James Hunter Machine Company for three years.

She was born and raised in North Adams and graduated from the Notre Dame High School in 1943 and Bliss Business College in 1944.

Not being an only child, Irene is fortunate to have two brothers, Wilfred G., who is 24, and Robert J. Saulnier, who is 15. Wilfred returned to the States recently after being stationed in Japan with the Army for three and a half years. He has since been discharged with the rank of Staff Sergeant, and is now attending the North Adams State Teachers College.

In October of 1946 Irene married John, her childhood friend from grammar school days. They have one daughter, Lynn, who is 6 years old and attending the Notre Dame Parochial School. Irene, her husband, and daughter make their home at 16 Miner Street.

Being a lyric soprano, Irene takes advantage of her beautiful voice by singing at weddings, funerals and other social events. She has taken lessons for nine years.

Irene is a member of the Parent-Teacher Group at Notre Dame, is treasurer of the Cercle Francais and is a member of the Notre Dame Church choir.

During the summer months, Irene enjoys swimming, and dancing all the year-around.

She finds work very interesting and enjoys her co-workers.

The "n' Lee" is Mrs. Lea Walden, who also has been a LOG reporter for two years.

Lea was born in North Adams and attended school here. She graduated from the Notre Dame High School in 1935 and Bliss Business College in 1936.

She was employed by Liggetts Drug Store, and in 1941 came to Sprague Electric and worked in Networks until 1945. In 1950 she returned and started a new job in the Purchasing Department, where she is today.

Lea is a member of the Emblem Club No. 20, Parent-Teacher Group at Notre Dame and sings in the choir at the Notre Dame Church. She also is president of the Cercle Francais Club. Being president of this social club takes up quite a bit of her time.

When anyone asks "let's go skating," Lea is always game. Skating is one of her favorite sports, as is swimming.

Her husband, Bill, constructed a pool in back of their house. While it is not the largest pool it is most useful in

### Purchasing Department Holds Christmas Party

Members of the Purchasing Department and their guests enjoyed a Christmas Party Saturday, December 5, at "Petey Dinks" Restaurant. The tables were decorated with Christmas candles and silver and red poineau and each guest had as a favor a candy cane.

Mrs. Irene Dubreuil welcomed the guests and introduced Mr. F. W. McNamara who served as toastmaster and master of ceremonies.

Those called upon for remarks were Messrs. F. G. Jenkins, Department Head, R. A. Fairbanks and R. R. Howard, Jr. Games were played and prizes won by Dorothy Russett, Shirley Davis, Lea Walden, Catherine Sutliff and Mrs. Howard. Dancing was enjoyed until midnight.

Invited guests were Mesdames Jenkins, McNamara, Fairbanks, Howard, and Joseph O'Keefe and Messrs. John P. Dubreuil, William A. Walden, Charles Sutliff, Donald Russett, Louis Davis and Richard Saunders.

The Purchasing Department gives special thanks to Irene for her time and effort in organizing the party and carrying through the many details that made it so successful.

### Hints:

To keep pajama or blouse buttons from pulling out of the fabric, reinforce them with a small button or piece of tape on the back.

A piece of white chalk tucked in your purse does a wonderful touch-up job on your spotted white gloves.

Make your own scratch remover by painting the scratches with common household iodine. Use a cut lemon on blond pieces.

**Sprague Products**

by Shen and Lee

We are glad to see Margaret Sweeney back with us after being out sick with the horrible "Chicken-pox." Next time watch who you are baby-sitting with, Margaret. Thirty-six co-workers attended the annual Sprague Products Christmas party at Petey Dinks in Clarksburg, December 16. Bertha Decoteau made a very jolly Santa Claus. Reports are everyone had a wonderful time. A party was held in honor of Marie Landry, who is leaving us to go to Cleveland, Ohio. Don't forget to come visit us when you're in North Adams again, Marie. Pat Schabot made a very pretty maid of honor at her sister Claire's wedding January 9. Everyone seems to have had a good time New Year's Eve, but all in all I guess we are pretty glad the holiday season is over for another year. It is pretty "sparkly" around the office with some of the girls sporting diamonds. Among them are Marie Landry, Jeanette Wanat, Marie Grande, Ginger Caron and Rose Bua. Best of luck, girls.

**Sales Office**

by the Snoopers

The Sales Office girls held their annual Christmas party at the Springs in New Ashford on December 17. The food was delicious and all the girls had a marvelous time — except for Joan Blanchette, who was unable to eat solid food because of a recent tonsil operation. How was the soup, Joan?

It was noted at this party that some of the girls have lovely voices. For proof of this statement just ask Madelyn Rougeau to sing the harmony on "You Are My Sunshine." If anyone is interested in having ashes removed, please contact Mr. H. B. Barry. We hear this is one of his sidelines. The Sales Office would like to jump the gun and offer congratulations to Hank Valenti, who is patiently counting the days until his new family addition arrives. A recent visitor over the holidays was Concetta Angel, who spent the summer helping out in the Sales Office. We were all glad to hear that she is doing so well at the University of Rochester, where she is a freshman. Pat Davis also dropped in to wish everyone a Happy New Year. It was nice seeing you again, Pat. On December 31, it was good-bye to Terry Taft, who left to await the arrival of a blessed event. Terry was presented a gift for the coming baby and a purse of money. Do our eyes deceive us or is Sylvia Borowski sporting a black onyx? Congratulations! Is this for real? Now that both Joe Mucha's brothers have been discharged from the service, we think it would be a very nice gesture if he invited them up for a week-end! As we go to press Marion Clark is confined to her home with a bad cold. We wish her a speedy recovery. Who is the girl to whom Bill Carlton refers as "Monroe"? A special welcome is extended to Beatrice Collins, who joined us during the Christmas holidays.

**Field Engineering Dept.**

by Carole

Those are pretty snappy hats all the girls are sporting. We see that Joan Southgate, Joan Russell, Marion Matney and Carole Clarke have joined the ranks of those that wear 'em. Carole has returned to work after a two-week illness. Anybody noticed the tree growing on Joan Russell's desk? Now that everybody's done wrapping and unwrapping Christmas presents, they're busy breaking New Year's resolutions.

**Ceramics Department**

by Emma Maruco

We all wish Ethel Sherman, formerly check inspector in our department, good luck on a new assignment. Ethel was presented with a chocolate cake, topped with whipped cream which was made by Marjorie Pytko. Ethel also was given a purse of money. George Maxwell now has the honor of being a member of the newly-organized Stamford Volunteer Firemen's Association. We wish a speedy recovery to Leona Gagnon, who has been hospitalized. Leona, we all miss you and hope to see you back soon. We are happy to hear that Eva Fraureau's son is feeling better. Clara Bourdon and Josephine Dean are justly proud of their husbands, who proved successful during the recent deer season. Ray Scerbo, Marjorie Pytko, and Mary Fern attended the Ice Capades in Springfield. Yvonne Carlisle treated the girls to some very fancy home made cookies. They were delicious. Dover Owens, formerly of the Ceramic Department, has written requesting that some of his friends write to him. Dover is in Korea and his address is: Pvt. D. L. Owens — Prov. Co. 914 — APO 2 1/2 P.M. — San Francisco, California. Recent returnees from vacations are Nettie Murphy, Edward Mulvane and Christine Petri. Ida Gigliotti sang some beautiful solos at St. Anthony's church during the holidays. Julia Alfred spent the Christmas holiday in Covington, Virginia, with her in-laws. Joe Venerus spent the Christmas holiday with his parents at his home in New Jersey. Ray Scerbo surprised the girls on the hydrophone line by giving them carnation corsages to wear to the annual Christmas party. The party was held at the American Legion Home on Holden Street December 17. The department held a party December 24 in the department. Lunch was brought in by the employees. Small presents were exchanged via the grab bag. Excellent music for the party was furnished by Harold Burdick with his fiddle and Leo Cyr with his banjo. A special breakfast was held by the loaders for Norman Boyer who will enter the service on January 15. A cherry cake was made by Geraldine Royne for the occasion and a purse of money was presented to Norman by the department. John Wittig, one of our Ceramicists, gives us this thought for payday:

"I swear it each payday.

This Time I'll seek.

To have some pay left at the end of the week.

But always my figures

Come out the wrong way

I have some week left at the end of my pay."

**Filters**

by Ginger and Richer

Surprise! Don't faint now, yes, it's really our column back in print again! How's your television these days? Do you need an antenna? Better check! If one is needed, call us! No picture guaranteed! Our annual Christmas Party was held at the North Adams American Legion home. Everyone enjoyed himself and there were no casualties. The "Dragnet" narration by Tony Falco was the highlight of the evening. He certainly is the life of the party. You can't stop laughing, once you start, right, Eddie?

Welcome to George Paquin, George Henderson, Alden Jones and Roger Brown, who have joined our group. Welcome back to Molly Spadea and Millie Sprawson, who have returned from leave of absence. Farewell to the Network Department, which has moved to Brown Street. Al Marsh is designing a new home without stairs...

We sincerely hope, Ray La France, that your wife and son recover soon. It never rains, but what it pours... Dot Bliss and Anna Mae Jammallee are all smiles these days. Why?... Dot Welski is some yodeler! That was quite a rendition she gave the day before Christmas. June Sherman is all excited; her husband, who is in the service, and has been away for so-o-o-long, is finally on the way home.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Marge Richer upon the death of her father-in-law.

**Personnel Department**

by Those Two

Our annual Christmas Party was held at Pine Brook December 21. We had the pleasure of meeting the wives and husbands of our co-workers. Sydney Louison and Connie Dube welcomed in the New Year at the American Legion: Mabel Hillard and Edith Matranga at the Springs. Best wishes go to Edith Matranga, who recently moved into her newly-built home on Barbour Street.

**Small Order**

by Mary Bernard and Nini Sacco

The night shift celebrated with a Christmas party at Pinebrook, where exchanging of gifts and dancing were enjoyed. Two parties were held by the day shift, one at Petey Dinks and another at the Trailside. Merry good times were had by all. Vacations were enjoyed by Ned Walden, Douglas Bernin, Lillian Steffens, all at home. Theresa Pedericini journeyed to New York to meet her husband who just returned from Japan. Good luck to Paul LaPlante, who will teach in Williamstown, and also to Tommy Paquin, who joined the Air Force. They were both given appropriate gifts for the occasion.

**Shipping Department**

by Cecile Trudeau

We all wish good luck to Jeannette Krzeminski, who has joined the office staff of Sprague International. Welcome to Eileen Niles, who has returned to Shipping from Retail Sales... Ellen Crocker's son, Alan, has returned to Norwich University, Northfield, Vt., after spending the Christmas holidays at his home... Eileen Niles enjoyed a week at Amherst, Mass. She attended the military ball at the University of Massachusetts. We are glad to hear that Agnes Bolus is convalescing favorably at her home following a recent operation. We all miss you, Agnes.

**Flat Midget Assembly**

by Carmie

We would like to welcome Eva Jowett to our room. The department has settled down after the exciting holidays, which were enjoyed by all. If anyone thinks we have a doctor in our midst, it is only Lillian Trombley's new handbag. We all like Eva Daldos' new words to popular music these days.

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**Misc. Paper Finish**

by Gert Noel

Ho hum, I'm sure you will join me in a tired but happy sigh of relief that the holidays are tucked away for another year. May the coming year be the best and happiest for all of you. Helen Harrington joined the ranks of grandmothers on December 22 when her daughter, Connie Nassif, formerly of Sales Office had a baby girl who has been named Gail Jean. Ann Douney has added another grandson to her rapidly growing list. This new baby boy was born December 26. This brings the total to six boys and one girl. Gloria Kelly spent the Christmas holidays in Albany with relatives.

Florence Cobb took her vacation Christmas week and spent the holidays with her sister in Paterson, N. J. Kay Marra spent Christmas in Springfield with her sister. On December 21 all the gang in the department exchanged gifts from a grab bag and our foreman and supervisors were presented gifts. On December 29 a gang of the girls enjoyed a spaghetti dinner together. Lil Peck made the sauce, and from all reports it was delicious. Beatrice Pierce brought a homemade apple pie and Velma Lincoln her specialty, "Tomato Soup Cake". Roberta Booth and family are among the many local residents who have purchased upright freezers which are stocked regularly with foods. Congratulations to Edith Scirven who was elected matron of the Petersburg, N. Y., Order of the Eastern Star.

**Bathtub Assembly (Balcony)**

by Marie-Rose

Jeannette Oleskiewicz is walking on clouds right now. Her husband returned from Korea December 4 and received his separation from the Army December 10. Jeannette is now enjoying a leave of absence. Glad to have you back, Benny... Lee Ann Blanchard celebrated her second birthday December 13. She was honored with a party at her home and received many gifts. The proud daddy is our supervisor Lyle Blanchard. Our department had its annual Christmas party at the Clarksburg Sportsmen's Club on December 15. I believe all who had attended had a wonderful time. We did not need an orchestra that night, for here's what the grab-bag of gifts contained: Bruno Skowron, a drum; Lyle Blanchard, an accordian; Johnny Sikorski, a horn; Vivian Dale, a harmonica; and Freddie Roy, another horn. Believe me, they made pretty music. Dancing was enjoyed by all and the evening ended too soon. The holidays are over and everyone will be recuperating for the next two or three weeks. It takes time to get back into condition again, but cheer up, folks, we'll make it... Josie Sikorski enjoyed a week of vacation just before the holidays. Millie Bathaway had a beautiful Christmas scene in front of her home during the holidays. Millie and her husband made all the statuettes themselves. They increase their work each year and the results are beautiful. Believe me folks, it was worth-while riding to Briggsville to see it.

**Metal Clad, Small Order**

A few girls from the Metal Clad enjoyed a supper at the Springs before the holidays. If anyone would like to know the road to the Springs, kindly inform Jane Dufresne, Nellie Hewitt and Carmen Scalise. They took a short cut through New York State... Jane Dufresne spent the holidays visiting her son in Detroit, Michigan. Larry Lewis isn't satisfied with his 1950 Model, and is trading it for the new classy 1954 Ford. What a lucky fellow you are, Larry. One of the lucky boys from our department was Mae Lefave's son. Santa presented him with a saddle horse. Jean Poiriot is back with us. Welcome back, Jean... We celebrated Mary Bator's birthday with a birthday cake.

**Paper Rolling**

by Rusty and Dusty

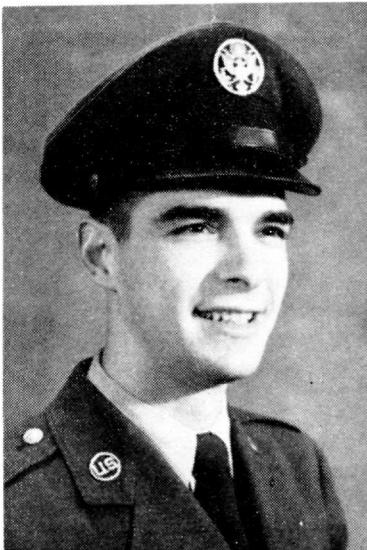
The last vacationers of the year were Julia Gattuso at home; Bessie Turgeon at home; Helen Boucher at home, painting her kitchen, and Howard Guan at home. Ruth Buzzell and Enis Montagna are both sporting beautiful diamonds. Congratulations girls. Claire Schabot is in a dither these days. Wedding bells will be ringing January 9. The lucky guy is Bill Senecal. Two of her attendants are Irene LaFleur and Joan Horn... Congratulations to Al Bergeron, our foreman, on the arrival of his little baby daughter, Mary Jo. So long to Rita Moreau, Phyllis Parker, Hazel Button, Rose Bard, Gerry Dutcher. We will miss you all. Rena Livsey spent New Year's weekend in New York City. Hank Lepicer is famous in our department for her banana cream pie. Either bring in the recipe or the pie, Hank, but confidentially we prefer the pie. Carolyn Bernier is the proud mother of a baby boy. Rusty and Dusty wish to extend their wish for the happiest New Year to all.

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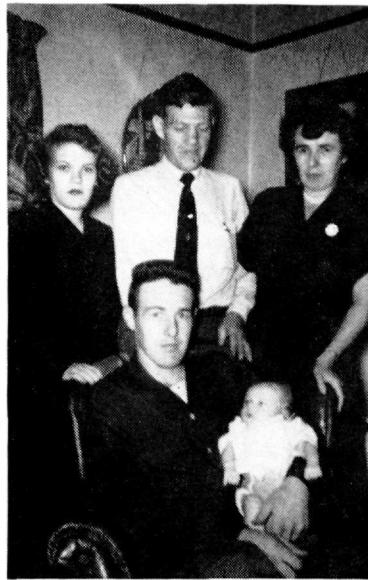
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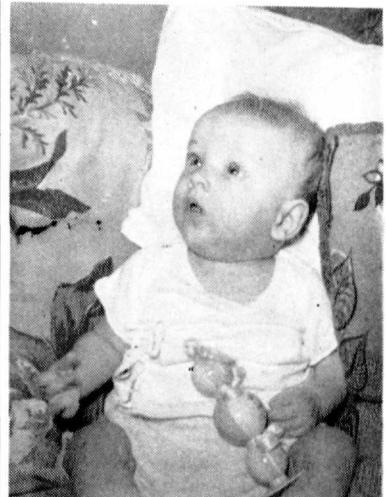
Here's the Ceramic Department as it posed for its picture during the group's annual Christmas party last month at the American Legion.



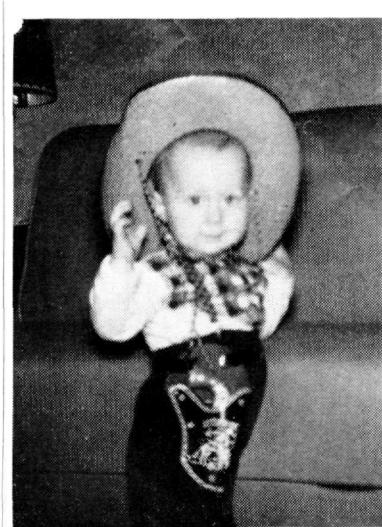
Airman Second Class Leo J. Lamore, Jr., is the son of Emily Lamore, of Filters, Marshall Street Plant. Leo is with the 602nd A.C. Squadron, A.P.O. 185, c/o Postmaster, New York.



The happy Lewitt family gets together for a reunion. Here are (front) Leonard E. Lewitt, proudly holding his son, Martin Ernest, while Leonard's wife, the former Joan Sloan, and grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Lewitt, look on. The younger Lewitts are now living in Seattle, Washington. The senior Mr. Lewitt is the well-known foreman in Molded Tubulars at Brown Street.



James Eric Hermansen is the son of Lee Hermansen of Test Equipment. Little James was two months old when this picture was taken.



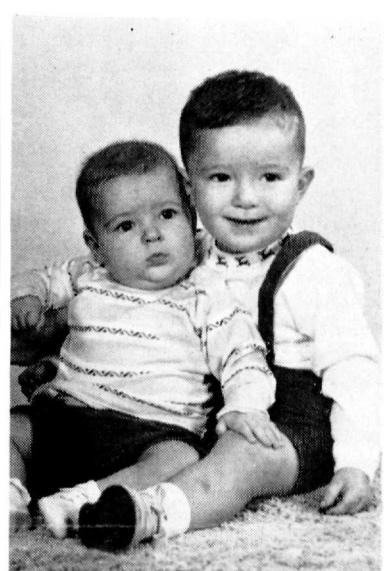
Robbie Bentley is the son of Corporal and Mrs. Robert Bentley. Mrs. Bentley is with the Ceramic Department.



All of the Metal Clad Small Order Department, and all enjoying themselves in Holiday style are, left to right, Kathy Stinnette, Jane Paradise, Nellie Hewitt, Jane Dupresne, Julie Morin, Alma Kent and Carmen Scalise.



Twin daughters of Helen Murphy, of the Prokar line, are little Carla Jean and Carol Ann, who will be one year old January 29.



Danny, two, and Billie, six months, are the sons of Billie and Jean Mahoney. Jean was formerly with the Retail Sales Department at Marshall Street. The children's grandmother is Millie Mahoney of the KVA Department, Brown Street plant.



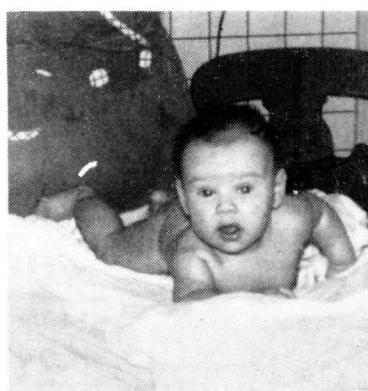
Here are the three grandchildren of Delphine Bergeron, who is with the second shift in Ceramics, Marshall Street Plant. From top to bottom, they are Sandra Senecal, 10, Larry Senecal, 8, and young Linda Senecal, 5.



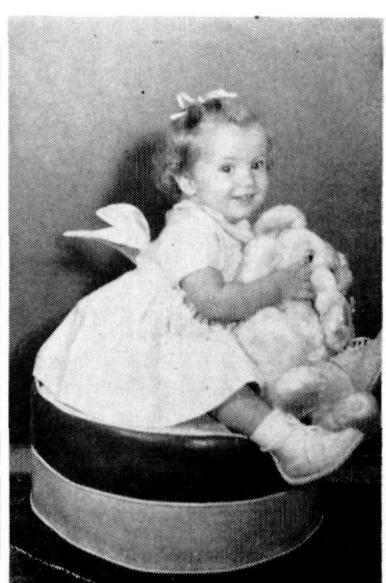
Enjoying themselves at the Filter Department Christmas party were, left to right, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Richer, Foreman and Mrs. John Smith, Mrs. Leo Lemoine and Mr. Edward Rivers. Supervisor Leo Lemoine snapped the picture.



GUESS WHO? The little, dark-haired girl in the foreground is today employed in the Filter Department at Marshall Street. Give up? Then check with LOG reporters Betty Fleury and Marge Richer for the answer.



Gloria Helene, who is just 16 weeks old, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Giroux. George is North Adams division manager of Industrial Food Crafts, which operates our cafeterias.



Lorraine Turgeon, one, is the granddaughter of Bessie Turgeon, who is with the Paper Rolling Department at Beaver Street.

## Eager Beavers? That's O.K.

In this land of ours, we always have been looking for something new—something better—and we're always anxious to use it quickly.

In the early days of our country, for instance, a man named Eli Whitney invented the cotton gin, which was to revolutionize the textile industry. The word got around. So eager were those early enterprisers to get at, see and use the new machinery and process, that they broke into Whitney's barn!

### As Steel Goes—

The steel industry, without whose production most of the nation's factories would grind to a halt, has been spending \$1,300 a minute for the last 7 years to expand its capacity even further. It has invested \$5,000,000,000 since the end of World War 2 on new facilities.

A man should never be ashamed to own he has been in the wrong, which is but saying in other words that he is wiser today than he was yesterday.

—Alexander Pope

"The more we all learn about the nature and purpose of God and our relation to Him, the nearer we will come to a proper solution of our problems. With the guiding principles of religion as a background, employers and employees should be able to work out any problem that comes up in our day-to-day affairs."

—Charles R. Sligh, Jr.

It is not enough to be busy: so are the ants. The question is, What are we busy about? —Thoreau.



John Alan LeClaire is the four-and-a-half year old son of Pat LeClaire, Flat Midget Assembly, Marshall Street plant.



America has many and obvious faults. But it is still the land where no one starves—unless it is a \$3000-a-week movie blonde who has a figure, to control.

—H. V. Wade

Don't worry about the job you don't like—somebody else will soon have it!

—Sydele Quarterly

**Plating Department**

by Lee

Mike Becker gave Ness Roberts a steak from the deer he shot in Vermont. Here's hoping you have luck again next year... Al Brouillet has returned after being absent from our daily session. He is on a soup diet, having had all of his teeth grinders removed. Smile Al, the wide open spaces... Deer season came and per usual Lawrence Estes and Ed Sprague were out in the woods tracking deer. Well, it was good exercise anyway... George Whipple's name has not appeared in print the past couple of months. I hope he is not offended. Don't worry George, there are a couple of stories in the making... Sporting a new hair-do and looking pretty chic is Alice Menard... Howard Isherwood could not wait for Christmas to come so he played with his children's new toys before Christmas day... Well, the big weekend is over and everyone returned to work looking quite contented.

**Paper Rolling and Prokar Soldering**

by Mary Messier

A Christmas party was held during lunch period December 23. Chet Lesniak pulled the prize package in the grab bag, and everyone had a good laugh... The annual Christmas party was held December 17 at The Springs in New Ashford. Everyone who attended had a wonderful time... Welcome back to the girls who were temporarily working in other departments... Congratulations, Marie Martell. Marie is the proud owner of a 1954 Chevrolet.

We extend our sympathy to Connie Davis on the loss of her mother.

**Wire Coating**

by Corena Tatro

We are all sorry to hear that Don Bourdon's wife, Jeanette, has been ill in the hospital... Those who enjoyed vacations around Christmas time were Peg Dunnin, Helen Foote and the Faour sisters, Eva and Lurice... Neil Van Steemburg has left our department. Wishing you luck and hope you will enjoy your new job... Betty Jangrow recently enjoyed a nice trip to attend the wedding of her sister, Catherine. Everyone had a nice time at the wedding of Jo-Ann Faour, sister of Lurice and Eva. Eva was her maid-of-honor and Lurice was bridesmaid... Jerry Burdick, son of Helen, will be leaving the 15th of January for the Army. Hope you like the service Jerry, and make the best of it!

**Resistor Department**

by Chick and Chuck

The Sportsmen's Club was the scene of two Christmas parties of interest to this department. On Monday, December 14 the cementers, trimmers and color code held a party with arrangements in charge of Emma Montagna. Lucy Kenney impersonated Santa Claus and gave out the presents, and a fine evening of dancing was enjoyed by all... On Friday evening, December 18, the winders and casters gathered at the club for a party. Arrangements for the affair were in charge of Priscilla Sherman and Helen Miller. Harry Haddad played Santa Claus, while Chick Currant played several selections on the piano. Solos were rendered by Victor Gay and Rachel Davis. Dancing was enjoyed to the accompaniment of the juke box.

**K V A Stockroom**

by Ace Samia

Though the holidays have passed and the parties are over, I hope everyone had a merry Christmas and may the New Year be a bright and prosperous one for all... Alcide Guisti really surprised us at a recent gathering during the holidays. Al did the Charleston with Marie Ducharme and they both agreed that they are not as young as they thought... Fran Dargie and wife Marie spent the holidays at the home of Julie Dolle. We are still waiting for one of your apple pies, Julie... Chris Shultz and husband and family spent Christmas in Virginia with Chris's family... Just recently Dean Brown and Frank Osterhout celebrated their anniversaries. Both families got together and had a wonderful time... James Goaway is about the peppiest man in our department. Not only does Jim work hard all day, but even does odd jobs on the side. What kind of pills do you take, Jim?... Harold Brown and Ralph Burdick almost didn't make it home for Christmas. When out in the woods, they seemed to take the wrong trail. Better take your compass next time you go maneuvering in the woods. Al Ferrara and yours truly have taken up skiing as a winter sport. Each has purchased a set of skins and is anxious to try them out... In a recent Beauty Contest, Marie Dargie was chosen Stockroom Queen, with Marie Ducharme running a close second... During the past year there have been many new faces in the Stockroom, and yours truly, having been kept busy with my daily schedule, finds it would have been almost impossible to fill my column on time for rolling off the press, had it not been for my very good friend Al Ferrara.

**Prokar and Polyester Impregnation**

Reggie Rowett's son David celebrated his birthday December 21... Alice Domini is now back with us in Prokar... Reggie celebrated New Year's Eve by beating the drums at Norcross in Readsboro... Fletcher Morgan did a good job at bartending in Williams town recently... Mrs. Norman Miller celebrated her birthday January 4 and Beverly Ann Miller, January 2... Mathew Krzeminski celebrated his December 21.

**Final Soldering**

by "The Busy Bees"

New Year's greetings, everyone! We wish everyone good health and prosperity throughout the year... Sylvia Beaudin recently spent four days in Boston... Mary Rosco visited in New York City... Both girls commented on how beautifully the stores in these cities were decorated... Rena Brassard has been absent a long time on a sick leave. We wish you a speedy recovery and hope you'll be back with us soon, Rena... We were happy to have Mabel Lewitt return after her recent mishap... We were sorry to lose our Superintendent, John O'Connell, and office girl, Kay Ghidotti to their new positions on Marshall Street. Congratulations to both of you on your new venture... We would also like to congratulate Jack O'Leary, who was made General Foreman... A week before Christmas, our supervisor, Frank Stawarz and his wife received a most precious present. They had a call from their son Joseph, in Tokyo. He was on a 14-day furlough from Korea. He remarked he was drinking all the fresh milk he could, since they have dehydrated milk only in Korea... And now, our own special New Year's wish for you:

May you find joy where e'er you search,

At home, at work, at school or church!

**Industrial Oil Rolling**

by Erminia Sweeney

A vote of thanks goes to Henrietta Langlois, who managed our Christmas party... Eva Jewett and Florence Dupre spent their vacations at home during Christmas... Alice Beauchamp received a car from her husband for Christmas... Elizabeth Slattery spent a week with her daughter in Connecticut, where she has purchased a new home... We all missed getting a piece of that gorgeous cake that Dotty Daunais makes. We hope to have some more yet... Happy birthday to Alice Lunney, Rita Fornier and Dot Baker... Bill Shelden was made happy by his wife with a movie camera and projector... Charles Sears received a small gift of Limburger Cheese in his Christmas stocking. It's a wonder that the stocking did not get up and walk away... Kenny Russell and Francis Delisle are sporting some fancy sweaters. Classy Lassie is Gerry Delisle... We don't think Rita Fornier likes mistletoe!... Agnes Miller bought a new car recently.

**Industrial Oils Cover Assembly**

by Flo Lang and Isabelle Witherow

Santa Claus was very generous to Evelyn Therrien and Daisy Meland this Christmas. He brought them Persian lamb coats... Moskina Morin proudly announced the birth of her 12th grandchild. She now has 10 grandsons and 2 granddaughters... Lena Deso spent the New Year's weekend in Boston. While there, she attended the Ice Show... We were relieved to hear that Isabel Witherow's 4 year old grandson, Walter Kaczowski, will not lose his sight in one of his eyes... Our "Quiet Man," Alec Murach, had this comment on his recent vacation: "All I did was hang around and I missed everyone." How nice of him to miss us.

Our sympathy is extended to Aime Morin on the death of his brother.

**Misc. Resistor Assembly**

by Jean Levy

Art Bissallons's son, Don, was home from camp in Texas for the Christmas holidays. Don looks sharp in his Air Force uniform. Marguerite Todd's daughter, Pat, was home for the holidays. Pat lives and works in Washington. We received a Christmas greeting from Clyde Hirst, our former co-worker, who is now with the Kingston plant. Thanks Clyde, it was nice of you to remember us... December 21, we celebrated our Christmas party in this department. The table was decorated in colorful holiday colors. Every one received a gift from the grab bag and yours truly, Jean Levy, presented a gift to our supervisor, Art Bissallons, on behalf of the gathering. Art accepted it with a few well-chosen words. Twenty-four co-workers sat down to a turkey dinner with all the fixings. The dinner was planned by Laura Roy and Jean Levy. The turkey was one of Ralph Lewis' choice birds. Ralph donated it for the dinner and his wife Lucille graciously prepared it for us. Thanks again to you, Mrs. Lewis, from all of us.

**Resistor Department**

by Alma Pratt and Frank Santelli

Now that the holidays are over, maybe we can get down to business... The fellows in our department all went deer

hunting. Bill Passotti shot a doe weighing 115 lbs. Frank Santelli shot a buck weighing 75 lbs. Frank Kolis, wasn't so lucky. Sterl Hewitt won't say how much the deer that he shot weighed. It must have been a big one... Everyone had a good time at our department party which was held at Petey Dinks the 17th of December. Grace Nowak won't forget the party. Did you have fun, Grace?... The girl with the Poodle cut is our own Millie Mahoney. Millie, you look cute. You also looked nice New Years Eve at the Legion. It was a close draw between Millie and Phyllis Santerre. Phyll looked grand also, with her new hair-do... To everyone in our department, Frank and I would like to wish a very Happy New Year.



November 28

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December 11

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Lee Crase

Betty Recchia

Nelson Reopell

Mildred Waterman

Philip B. Talarico

Carmela Mancuso

Amelia Couture

Doris Langer

Harold Burdick

Bernie Roberts

Julia Sullivan

Carol Burdick

Albert Giroux

Art Bissallons

Betty Luczynski

Jean Levy

Nancy Barber

Blanche Cable

Victor Gay

Jean Gingras

**Fires are More Than Statistics**

Statistics generally are read and quickly forgotten. You know that hundreds of people die violently each year from fires in factories and homes, just by reading the front page of your newspaper. You probably say, "too bad," and turn to the sports page.

But if you have been to a fire, smelled the smoke and perhaps been scorched from the heat, or became nauseated when you helped dig out a victim, you wouldn't treat fire as a statistic—it would be a personal enemy, one that you know is somewhere stalking, ready and willing to pounce on you if you let your guard down.

A fire here could mean loss of valuable property, loss of work for all of us, and the chance the fellow or girl working next to you could become one of those "statistics". Or, it could mean your life.

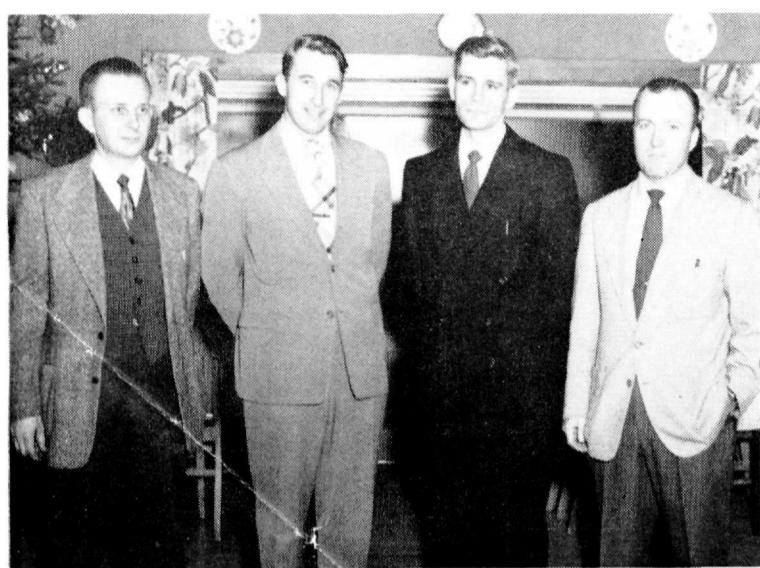
Fires don't generally start unless someone is careless—careless about smoking, or leaving oily rags thrown in a corner instead of a covered can, or not reporting unsafe electrical conditions or from lots of causes you know about but maybe ignore. We must not feel that fires will always happen to someone else. Let's be fire conscious and mighty careful in 1954. It pays.

**In a Word**

It's a riddle to the rest of the world how we Americans keep forging ahead, making progress year after year. They can't quite figure out how we keep building our living standards—getting and enjoying more automobiles, telephones, clothes, houses, bathtubs, food, TV sets—more of everything, including health and happiness.

The key to the riddle—the key to our progress—is, in a word: Production.

## Electronics Course Instructors



Instructing the Company's fall and winter series of courses in "Elements of Electricity" and "Theory of Capacitors" are, left to right, Thomas Richardson, Walter Lamphier, Michael Geroulo, and Robert Sheehan, all of Research and Engineering. The second series of courses, which are open to all employees on a voluntary basis, will get under way as soon as new classroom facilities are completed.



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Studebaker Convertible (1948) with radio, heater, new tires and top, overdrive. Best offer takes it. Dial Marshall St. plant 580, Alice Marchio.

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Washing machine—Frigidaire automatic, latest model—all porcelain finish. Purchased for \$300 when new—never used, will sacrifice for \$250.00. Telephone Adams 942-W3.

Saw—Stanley Handyman combination table saw, jointer, spindle-shaper, grindstone, sander and buffing wheel, complete with  $\frac{1}{3}$  horsepower motor. Cost \$91.00 when new, will sell for \$70.00. Owner used for one hour. Reason for selling, bought a larger saw. Telephone Adams 942-W3.

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Riders from Adams to Marshall St. plant—8 to 5 shift. Dial Marshall St. plant 487, Carole Clark e.

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Woman's gold wedding ring (band) Contact Marion Matney, Marshall St. plant 517.

## Sports

## Williams College Sport News

Now that the holidays and the school recess are over, the area high schools have concluded their pre-schedule exhibition games and are set to inaugurate the 1954 basketball season.

Our predictions are for a close and very interesting Northern Berkshire League race with Williamstown and Pittsfield St. Joseph battling for the crown. Adams, Pittsfield and Drury will be struggling for third spot, with Dalton and St. Joseph (local) following. Many upsets are in store with surprises every week.

In exhibition tussles, Adams and Williamstown won all their games.

Here are the league standings as of January 9, 1954.

Name	Won	Lost	Pct.
Drury	2	0	1.00
Williamstown	2	0	1.00
Pittsfield	2	0	1.00
Adams	0	1	.000
St. Jos. (N.A.)	0	1	.000
Dalton	0	2	.000
St. Jos. (Pitts.)	0	2	.000

Let us take a look at what took place the first week of the schedule.

Drury met Adams at the new and beautiful Memorial High School Gym in Adams and eked out a 48-47 win in a thriller. This was classified as an upset as Drury was and is predicted to finish in about 4th spot. However, with Jerry Schmidt back and playing his best brand of basketball, the team took on new life, and with Bill Morin returning to action, the team refused to fold and won, much to the delight of its followers.

On this same night a big, rangy and undefeated Williamstown team came roaring back in the second half, after being behind by 12 points, to knock off Pittsfield St. Joseph in another action-packed game.

Pittsfield, meanwhile, was downing a scrappy Dalton Five that came close to pulling another upset.

On Friday night of that same week Drury registered another outstanding win by handing Pittsfield St. Joseph its second straight defeat. Score was 50-40. Once again Jerry Schmidt led the attack with 10 field goals and 8 fouls for 28 points. Big Pat Robinson scored 21 points. The entire team outplayed the favored Pittsfield St. Joseph five.

Adams was idle that night but local St. Joseph journeyed to Pittsfield and although defeated, they were not overwhelmed as in years past, and Captain Chuck Raedelli led his team with markers.

Williamstown, meanwhile, polished off Dalton in convincing fashion for its second straight win in its own Mitchell gym in Williamstown before an overflow crowd. To many college town fans this is the year for Williamstown. One thing is for sure, they look great to date and it will have to be a great club to beat them.

They bounded back on December 17, trouncing Trinity in Lasell gym. Following the Christmas recess, the Williams "Purple" has chalked up two successive wins and in impressive fashion.

On January 6 the "Ephmen" journeyed to West Point and did a workmanlike job on the "Cadets" from West Point. In this game Walt Creer, captain, led the attack and his all around play was outstanding for the "Shawmen". Their most recent win was at the expense of the "Panther" from Middlebury in the Vermont town. The score in this one was 68-46. All hands led in the victory and the shooting bordered on the sensational.

Here is the schedule for the rest of January:

Jan. 16	Wesleyan	Home
Jan. 28	Univer. of Mass.	Home
Jan. 20	Springfield	Home
Jan. 23	Worc. Poly. In.	Away

WRESTLING: Coach Ed Bullock's grapplers were beaten in their only match to date, losing to Harvard on December 12. Now that the holidays are over the wrestling schedule resumes on January 16 when Springfield will be entertained in the Lasell gym.

TRACK: Here is the Varsity Track Relay Schedule:

January 16	Boston K. of C.	
February 6	Millrose Games, New York	
Feb. 27	I.C.A.A.A., New York	
March	New York K. of C.	

## Skiing is Here!

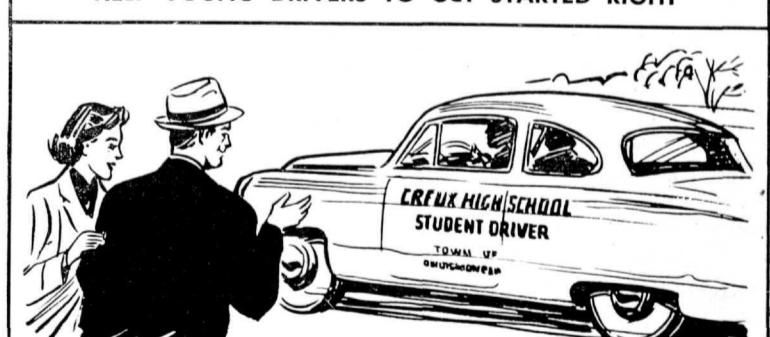
Finally, with the first week of January at an end, winter with all of its fancy white dressings made an appearance that was warmly received by all ski lovers.

On January 10 to be exact, ski resorts throughout New England posted ski conditions that ranged from poor to very good and snow with depth from 4-18 inches.

Both Dutch Hill at Heartwellville, Vermont, and Jiminy Peak in Hancock, Mass., were open for business but the bulletin did not state excellent skiing conditions.

For the next eight weeks we can look forward to winter's wonderland as the top sports item for the outdoor die-hards.

## HELP YOUNG DRIVERS TO GET STARTED RIGHT



Your automobile can do a lot of damage if not handled properly. It takes an alert, mature, conscientious, trained driver to master the hazards of the road today.

Before you turn over the keys of your car, you have the responsibility to make sure that the new driver is ready to drive in a safe and sane manner. Know that your son or daughter

has the proper attitude and sense of responsibility to be trusted with your car. See to it that they learn to drive with a good instructor. Proper driver training in many of the public high schools is helping to make the young driver a safer motorist.

You will be a wiser and less anxious parent if you get your new driver off to a good start.